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1. WE HAVE OBTAINED ARABIC SUMMARY EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS. OPENING STATEMENT BY ICATU SYG AND EGYPTIAN MINISTER MANPOWER BULTIA CAUSED SOME CONSTERNATION BECAUSE REMARKS REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED
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US AND IMPLICITLY EGYPTIAN APPROACHES TO ME SETTLEMENT. BUT UPON INVESTIGATION APPEARS CRITICISM OF US WAS MILD AND HE DID NOT ATTACK BASIC GOE POLICIES (SEE REF B, NOTAL).

2. WE INFER THAT EGYPTIAN, SUDANESE AND POSSIBLY SYRIAN LABOR LEADERS AT CONFERENCE CONSULTED ON MEANS TO

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COORDINATE LABOR ACTIVITIES WITH SADAT'S "PEACE OFFENSIVE." WE NOTE SUDAN WORKERS TRADE UNION FEDERATION (SWTUF) ADOPTED POLICY TO STRENGTHEN TRADE UNION RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SUDAN AND US SHORTLY AFTER ICATU MEETING (SEE REF C).

3. FINAL COMMUNIQUE WAS CRITICAL OF US SUPPORT OF ZIONISM, BUT HARSHEST WORDS WERE RESERVED FOR IRAN. IRAN'S MILITARY INTERVENTION IN OMAN AND INCURSION INTO PDRY WERE DEPLORED. BOTH US AND JORDAN WERE LINKED TO IRANIAN INTERVENTION IN GULF AND PENINSULA POLITICS.

4. STATUS OF JORDAN IN ICATU ALSO DISCUSSED. DECISION WAS REACHED TO REMOVE MESSAGE FROM SHAHIR AL-MAGALI, SYG OF "SO-CALLED" GENERAL UNION OF JORDAN WORKERS TRADE UNIONS FROM ICATU ARCHIVES. RESOLUTION PASSED DURING 5TH AND 6TH CONFERENCES OF ICATU CENTRAL COUNCIL RE JORDAN WERE RE-AFFIRMED. IN ADDITION FIVE MEMBER COMMITTEE COMMISSIONED TO VISIT JORDAN INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM ICATU CENTRAL COUNCIL, LIBYA, MOROCCO, EGYPT AND LEBANON. JORDANIAN REPS AT MEETING WERE FATHI EL-NAGI AND MOHAMMED GADALLA.

5. NEXT ICATU GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ADEN IN MID-APRIL, 1977. AGENDA NOT AVAILABLE.

6. COMMENT: WE UNSURE OF EITHER MEANING OR IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO JORDAN. OUR SOURCES FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SWTUF APPEAR TO BE RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ICATU ACTIVITIES CRITICAL OF USG. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT EGYPTIANS ARE MAKING MAJOR EFFORT TO MAINTAIN THEIR INFLUENCE WITHIN ICATU IN ORDER TO MUTE RADICAL ARAB CRITICISM THEIR DIPLOMACY.
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